

DAY 4 - April 6 - HOLY THURSDAY

Focus: Rooted in Love and service

Scripture: John 13:2-17

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

[Alternate Readings: Luke 4: 16-21; John 12:1-15]

*"Anointed by the Spirit, Jesus proclaims the good news
that we are a royal nation, a priestly people."*

Reflection:

In the washing of the feet of his disciples, Jesus shows us a new way of offering humble service. This simple gesture shows that in love, we are all equal. Jesus didn't want his disciples to look at their position in society or their role in the community to prevent them from serving all people. We may not understand God's way of doing things, but we must believe we are being created into a people who are not afraid to serve.



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Song of the Day: "Glad To Be In The Service One More Time"

Meditation Questions:

- ◆ Have we ever considered what it means to the needy to see "people of status" serving them?
- ◆ Have we allowed Jesus to wash our feet?

Optional Liturgical Activities for Today:

N.B. The only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday is the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

- ◆ At St. Patrick's Cathedral at 5:30pm (EST) LIVESTREAM
- ◆ At St. Paul the Apostle Church at Lincoln Center (NYC) at 7:00pm
- ◆ At St. Michael the Archangel Church in Co-op City, Bronx at 7:30pm
- ◆ Remain at church after the Mass of the Lord's Supper for a time of quiet adoration

We invite you to join us for the following during this week's Retreat:

- ⇒ Recitation of the Rosary, with singing and special prayers, will take place on the Prayer Line (720-820-1469) on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 12:15pm (EST).
- ⇒ Feel free to join the Prayer Line for Morning Prayer (720-820-1469) on Thursday at 7:30am (EST) - "Hosting the Holy - Part 2" with Br. Sean Moffett, CFC.

